

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

April 26, 2011

Proclaim the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books Weekend in the County of Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Times Festival of Books (the Festival) began in 1996 with the simple goal of bringing together the people who create books with the people who love to read them. The Festival was an immediate success, and over the last fifteen years, has become the nation's largest public literary festival, attracting more than 140,000 book lovers each year.

This year, the Festival is being presented in association with the University of Southern California (USC), the state's oldest private research university. The Festival will occur at USC, attracting people from all across Southern California and other parts of the country to the free two-day public event highlighted by hundreds of author events, celebrity appearances, live music, storytelling, cooking demonstrations, and poetry readings. Nearly 300 exhibitors representing numerous booksellers, publishers, literacy and cultural organizations from the diverse ethnic and cultural communities of Southern California will sell and promote books at the Festival this year.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Declare the weekend of April 30, 2011 to May 2, 2011 as the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books Weekend and encourage all Angelenos to attend the festivities and celebrate the written word and the diversity of Southern California.

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